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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECAC PROPOSAL FOR CHARTER DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 180051 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM DOZ OF ECAC SECRETARIAT ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY ECAC FOR NOVEMBER CHARTER DISCUSSIONS TO WHICH US INVITED. ADDITIONAL ITEM IS ACCEPTABLE TO CANADA. ITEM WORDED AS FOLLOWS: "REVIEW OF THE SITUATION CONCERNING TGC AND ABC OPERATIONS IN 1973 AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT TO EARLIER ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THESE OPERATIONS AND AFFINITY FLIGHTS IN 1974."

2. FOREGOING WAS SUPPLIED IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL COMMUNICATION ECAC PLANS TO ADDRESS TO US ON THIS SUBJECT. DOZ INTIMATED THAT UNDER THIS ITEM ECAC MEMBERS WOULD WISH DISCUSS MINIMUM CHARTER RATES IN LIGHT ECAC RECOMMENDATION ON MINIMUM RATES ADOPTED LAST JUNE AND CAB NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING OF SEPT. 7 RE MINIMUM CHARTER RATES, AND ALSO POSSIBILITY OF SOME RELAXATION OF TGC/ABC RULES IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.

3. DURING CONVERSATION ON OCCASION ECAC FARES SEMINAR, ABRAHAM OF SGAC INFORMED RCAA THAT GOF WOULD WISH NEGOTIATE

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CERTAIN CHANGES IN ITS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH US

RE TGC/ABC OPERATIONS BEFORE RENEWING THAT DOCUMENT, AND TALKS FOR THE PURPOSE SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR. THESE TALKS, HE NOTED, WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM ANY RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT TALKS WHICH CABOAT WOULD CHAIR (I.E., SGAC THUS STAKING OUT ITS CLAIM TO CONTINUE BEING GOF SPOKESMAN ON CHARTER POLICY). BOTH DOZ AND ABRAHAM MENTIONED MEETING TO BE HELD SEPT. 25-26 BY ECAC'S CHARCO GROUP FOR COORDINATING ECAC POSITION PRIOR NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS; GOF POSITION IN ANY BILATERAL TALKS RE MOU WITH US IS LIKELY TO REFLECT WHATEVER CONSENSUS WILL EMERGE FROM WITHIN ECAC, ESPECIALLY WITH COMMON FRONT APPROACH NOW REINFORCED BY PRINCIPLE REFLECTED IN POSITION TAKEN BY ECAC ON SCHEDULED FARES TALKS AS REPORTED PARA 6 PARIS 24231.

4. DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT ABRAHAM HAD EARLIER ALERTED US TO HIS INITIAL THINKING RE POSSIBLE CHANGES IN TGC/ABC RULES (PARA 3 PARIS 19098 NOTAL). MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD GIVE ABRAHAM SOME INFORMAL REACTION. FOR EXAMPLE, CAN US RELAX TGC PROCEDURES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH WHOLE PROCESS OF CAB RULEMAKING?

5. REFTTEL INFO ON WHEN US RESPONSE TO ECAC INVITATION TO NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING WAS CONVEYED DURING FARES SEMINAR TO VERES, DOZ AND ADBRAHAM. BOTH VERES AND DOZ NOTED THAT FACT INVITATION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION STILL WAS POSITIVE SIGN, BUT THEY INDICATED THAT TALKS WOULD BE HELD WITH CANADA ANYWAY EVEN IF, FINALLY, US DID NOT RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY.
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